

WON'T TURN DOWN PRESIDENT'S BILL

But Rate Measure Will Be Well Edited Before Going to Press.

MAY DISCLAIM BILL'S PATERNITY

Strong Probability That Mr. Roosevelt Will Not Want His Name Associated With Railroad Regulation That Passes the Senate.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The subject of rate regulation will have very nearly the center of the boards from now on, possibly until near the end of the session. The subject was expected to become at the first of the session the one of engrossing importance, and to take the foremost place in congressional consideration, but it has been persistently kept in the background, though always somewhat in the nature of a skeleton in the Republican closet. From now on, however, rate regulation legislation will be the most prominent topic in Congress, and there will be lively times in both branches.

While the bill which the administration desires passed will have fairly smooth sailing in the House, there are plenty of rocks and reefs for it in the Senate. The majority of the Republicans of the Senate are opposed to any legislation on the subject, which will give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to regulate railway rates. But the pressure of the administration and of public opinion is so strong that it is realized that something will have to be done.

Will Report Dilliver Bill.

The Dilliver bill, which had the endorsement of the administration from the time of its introduction, will probably be reported from the committee of the Senate. It is understood that the Republican members of the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce will report this bill, with the understanding that it may be amended by any senator who desires it. It is desired that the administration shall have the comfort of knowing that the bill reported will be the one advocated by Mr. Roosevelt, so that, no matter how greatly it be amended before its passage, it may go forth with the country as his bill because law. There is a strong probability, though, that the President will not want his name associated in any way with the measure that will finally pass the Senate. Those Republican senators who have agreed to the report of the Dilliver bill, with the understanding that an amendment may be offered by any of them at any time, without impairment of their party standing, are favoring the reporting of the bill, not because they love the President, but because they love regularity and party organization.

It is realized that it would be a blow to the latter to turn down the bill favored by the White House, and they are willing to accord to President Roosevelt the empty honor of reporting his bill, but will seek to amend it so as to take away the features which he chiefly advocates.

The Democrats are pretty well united on the subject of rate regulation, both in the Senate and in the House. Senator Morgan has a bill in the Senate which indicates that he is opposed to all regulation by the government, but it is probable that he will support the Culberson bill. It is not known whether the Democrats of the Senate will caucus on the subject of a rate bill, but it is thought likely they will do so. There is not great divergence between the Culberson and Dilliver bills, and the Democrats would not be sacrificing a great deal to support the latter, if it be left in the form from which it will come from the committee.

The Frenchmen have little to fear, and those shippers who are advocating governmental regulation of rates, have little to hope, as the result of legislation on the subject at this session.

Mr. Francis has made a decisive move in retaliation for Venezuela's treatment of her representative, Caracas this week will be the center of world interest. Venezuela, under the Castro regime, has been an international problem, but the Monroe doctrine, although necessarily involved in it, is not thoroughly understood by all the European countries that the State Department anticipates no untoward action on the part of France.

The most recent Franco-Venezuelan trouble began with the expulsion of M. Brun, the representative of the French Cable Company, at Caracas, and charge of Mr. Talien's action against this action. Venezuela held that its position was correct and refused to treat further with the French government through M. Talien.

There then followed a long period, during which, owing to the good offices of United States Minister Russell, an open rupture was avoided. President Castro, by his dilatory tactics, angered the French government, and a fleet was sent to Martinique. However, this indication of France's determination to push the matter did not have the desired effect. Then followed M. Talien's action in boarding the steamer "Maritimo" to obtain dispatches and the refusal by the Venezuelan authorities to permit him to return ashore. Although technically this was not a forcible expulsion, it amounted to an act of hostility, and M. Maubourquet, the charge d'affaires of Venezuela, was expelled from French territory. Three French warships are now off the Venezuelan coast and the construction is anticipated. From an international point of view, Algebras will divide interest with Venezuela.

Delegates Apprehensive.

At the Moroccan conference a feeling of unrest is said to exist among the delegates of the less interested powers, who believe that trouble is in sight.

The organization of the Moroccan police, which involves the vital issue between France and Germany, has been postponed for some time.

The end of the week will see the close of the general elections in Great Britain. The annual automobile tournament begins on the Ormond-Daytona beach on January 23, and from the races selected it is evident there will be many exciting

WANTS FIGHT BETWEEN JEFFRIES AND O'BRIEN

Reno Club Offers \$20,000 for Finish Bout Between the Two Champions.

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NEW YORK, January 21.—From Reno, Nevada, comes the story of another great match there. This time the talk of ready money and other inducements is accompanied by an assertion that Jack O'Brien is anxious to meet Jeffries, and Reno sports are really expecting to see them fight.

Al. Pope has arrived there equipped with all the written documents necessary to sign articles of agreement for a finish fight for the championship of the world for a purse of \$20,000. So interested are the sports of Nevada on having the world's championship question settled that they are packing Pope and he already has enough money in sight to insure more than the amount of the purse.

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COLLISIONS MAY OCCUR

Handful of Horsemen Guarded the Square Around Quiet Palace.

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ST. PETERSBURG, January 21.—There is almost an entire lack of prognostications of disorder to-morrow, the anniversary of the historic march of Father Gapon and his followers to the Winter Palace, which has now become the most prominent date in the chronology of the Russian revolutionists. There is general confidence that the day will pass without serious occurrences in St. Petersburg and in Moscow, though there may be collisions in the provincial towns. The labor and revolutionary organizations generally have proclaimed against hostilities, and even against organized demonstrations. The police of St. Petersburg chiefly fear attempts at bomb throwing on the part of fanatics. Many of the factories undoubtedly will close, and the strike may affect the street railroad service and perhaps the electric lighting plants.

To-day passed quietly, although all the workmen were at liberty, and to-night St. Petersburg is tranquilly sleeping. There is none of the apprehensions of a year ago.

The aspect of the capital is entirely changed. The palace square which then was gleaming with the watchfires of the troops, to-night is entirely deserted and a handful of horsemen are patrolling the Nevsky Prospect and the main thoroughfares.

There are in evidence only in the outlying industrial districts, where notices have been posted by the present announcing that the most drastic measures will be taken to crush disorder in its inception and warning the public not to gather in crowds.

A number of detachments of mounted police took up stations at the Preobrazhensky, Smolensky and other cities, where are the graves of the slain workmen which the labor and student societies are planning to decorate with wreaths and red flags.

A number of theatres were closed this evening. The Imperial Theatre was forced to abandon a performance of "Faust," owing to the refusal of Shallop, the great baritone, to appear.

BERLIN MEETINGS OFFER PROTESTS

Police Take Precautions to Prevent Breaches of Peace in Halls.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Socialist meetings held here to-day passed off with complete quiet. The halls, which were filled to overflowing, were closed by the police half an hour before the speaking commenced. Strong resolutions of sympathy with the Russian revolutionists were passed and protests against the present tripartite suffrage system in Prussia were adopted.

The police had taken extraordinary precautions to prevent breaches of the peace. Extra forces of policemen occupied rooms adjacent to the halls where meetings are held, and were in readiness to act on a moment's notice. They had also prohibited access to the galleries of the halls for the reason that, in case of an outbreak, it will be difficult to dislodge the rioters, who would have the advantage of firing on the police from above.

The speakers urged the crowds to retire from the halls in an orderly manner and to go quietly to their homes. This advice was obeyed to the letter. There was no attempt made at street demonstrations.

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Had Wandered in Woods Around Williamsburg, Where Body Was Discovered.

DIED FROM EXHAUSTION

Body in Good Condition—He Had Been Dead for Some Days.

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WILLIAMSBURG, VA., January 21.—The body of Mr. Henry Smith, of Newport News, who had been missing for about two weeks, and for whom serious fears had been entertained as to his safety, was found yesterday in the woods about four miles outside of Williamsburg by Mr. Hubbard, a student of William and Mary College. The body was in good condition, though from its appearance the unfortunate man had been dead some time. It was supposed that he died from hunger and exposure while hiding in the woods dodging. Mental derangement is supposed to have caused him to wander in the woods and so meet his death.

Mr. Smith was a native of Williamsburg, where up until a few years ago he had been treasurer of William and Mary College. After resigning this position he went to Newport News and became an expert draughtsman. Early in December he suffered from a nervous attack and went to Norfolk for medical treatment. While undergoing treatment he stayed at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. M. Hughes. He became more nervous and despondent, and was attacked with deep-seated melancholia, which made a complete wreck of his mind and unbalanced his mind.

He suddenly disappeared from Norfolk and made his way to the home of his brother, Judge Sidney Smith, at Yorktown. On January 6th he disappeared again, and though every effort was made to trace him, nothing was ever again seen of him until the finding of his body in the woods yesterday.

Mr. Smith was highly connected, and was a man of considerable talent and experience in drawing. He was well and popularly known, and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him, and his untimely end will be a source of deep regret to all of his relatives and friends.

FIND STRICKEN IN BED AGED WOMAN AND DOG

(By Associated Press.)
McKEESPORT, PA., Jan. 21.—For over a week the familiar face of old "Mother" Swarnstead has been missed from Fifth Avenue and Walnut Street, where she has stood every day for years, always accompanied by an old dog, selling herbs and home-made medicines.

The police, who were anxious over her continued absence, went to her home in the north end of the town to investigate. They found the old woman and the dog lying together on a bed. From what could be learned, the dog was stricken with paralysis several days previous. The old woman worked with the animal, when she, two days later, was also stricken with paralysis. Both are still living, but the doctors declare that they have stood on the corner for the last time.

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CALLED CROOKS AND DEMAGOGUES

President Gives His Estimate of Some Members of Congress.

HIS BREAK WITH MEMBERS GROWING

Sensational Criticism of "Smith," "Jones" and "Brown" Made By Mr. Roosevelt During Conversation When He Inquired Regarding Popularity.

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WASHINGTON, January 21.—"Are those who oppose the President in any one or in all of his policies necessarily crooks, demagogues or fools?" Congress is asking that question. The inquiry is based on stories that have been brought from the White House to the Capitol. The President wants to be the most popular man in the United States. He thinks he is, but he is constantly worried lest he should be falling away a bit in public esteem. He asks eagerly about himself when men come in from outside the District of Columbia.

Four bursts into flames.

"Do you find my popularity decreasing in the country?" the President asked a man, who is well known at the Capitol, a day or so ago. He told the President he had not discovered any evidence of that condition, "but," he added, "I have been talking to quite a number of Senators and I find that they have no very high opinion of you and some of your plans for legislation."

"Who are they?" demanded the President.

The visitor called the senators. The President talked them off on his fingers. "Jones," said the visitor.

"He's a crook," snapped the President.

"Smith," "He's a demagogue."

"Robinson," "He's a crook."

"Brown," "I wouldn't trust him in any thing."

The list continued. The President expressed himself thus about each man and some of them were men who have reputations quite contrary to the President's designations.

Another visitor came to the White House. The President asked about Congress. The visitor told the President that Congress is angry, rebellious, incensed at his usurpation of its

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Jacksonville, Fla.	74	44	Rain
New Orleans, La.	74	44	Rain
New York City	52	34	Rain
Norfolk, Va.	68	44	Clear
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BUSY WEEK FOR THE LAWMAKERS

Will Get Down to Real Business Before Many Days Pass.

SEVERAL PUBLIC HEALINGS

Hon. R. Tate Irvine and Other Southern Democrats Oppose Redistricting Bill.

This will be a busy week in the Legislature. Both branches will meet at noon to-day and will get down to the work of the session in real earnest.

Public hearings in large numbers are scheduled for the week before various committees on important questions, and there will be many public men here from different sections to advocate and oppose them.

The Torrens system of land registration will be before courts of justice Thursday at 10 o'clock A. M., and the new crab bill will be considered at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon by the committee on the Chesapeake and its tributaries.

Perhaps the public hearing of most widespread interest will be that on the various insurance bills that are pending before the Committee on General Laws of the House. They relate to both the fire and life business, and will be considered together at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

So far there has been no success in the flood of bills, and many are expected in both branches to-day. A good many bills have been advanced to their second reading in the lower branch, and will be put upon their passage to-day.

One is that of Mr. Byrd, which seeks to increase the salaries of the circuit judges from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year.

Mr. Byrd is deeply interested in the success of the measure, and if necessary will make an argument in its favor on the floor.

The Winchester leader, who is the chairman of the Committee for Courts of Justice, believes that the judges of the State are poorly paid officials, and that the best way to keep strong men on the bench is to pay them living salaries.

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OFFICERS MAKE MANY ARRESTS

One Hundred and Fifty Bill-Boards Run in By Police.

SUSPICIOUS OF "KING LEAR"

Chief Werner Says Boards Were Drunk and Disorderly in the Streets.

The spectacle of bill-boards advertising coming theatricals being arrested by the vigilant police of Richmond on yesterday afforded amusement aplenty to a crowd of perhaps a hundred people who followed the patrol wagon on its long and arduous pilgrimage.

It was thirty minutes past midday when Chief of Police Werner, parading Main Street, observed a number of disorderly bill-boards on the sidewalks.

Some had fallen flat on their faces, others leaned against the walls in an intoxicated manner and one, entirely lost to order, had fallen and had rolled into the middle of the street, where the street-cars threaten destruction.

The chief at once selected the occasion by the forelock, and "phoned" Captain Whitlock to order out the patrol wagon and run them in.

With Officer Overby in command, the vehicle of justice made a clean sweep up to the Seventh-Street line, which separates omnium gallium into two parts.

No Respecter of Persons.

Sousa's pictures, the alluring "Show Girl" prints, the "Tale of Spies" devices and the announcements of Mantell, "America's greatest tragedian," as the bills modestly had it, all became a huddled collection of paper and boards in the dark confines of the Coupe de Crutchfield and were conveyed to First Police headquarters.

All sorts of rumors were in the air. Some said the arrest was a clever scheme on the part of Manager Charles I. McKee, who advertised the shows for the coming week, while others vainly attempted to discover well hidden meanings and hidden meanings in the words "King Lear" and "Macbeth" which demanded immediate suppressing. It was finally decided that the rock which caused the trouble was a dangerous comic opera, built on the lines of the Black Crook with here and there a suggestion of Sapho.

Later in the day Mayor McCarthy heard the news, and banishing Burton from his mind for the moment, gave Captain Hulce the second District the cue to follow the lead of Captain Whitlock and do likewise.

Just Anchor Them.

Like Averaging angels, Officers Acre, Sales, Shumaker and Thomas, accompanied by the faithful patrol wagon, swept down on the unsuspecting bill board west of Seventh Street and not one of them escaped the raid.

Chief Werner said:

"We had warned Mr. McKee not to put on the boards unless they were tied or nailed to the buildings. I was walking down the street and I saw them flat on the pavement. I gave the order to run them in and Captain Whitlock did the rest."

Mayor McCarthy heard of the matter and gave Captain Hulce orders to gather in all in the First District. That's the wrong law says that no one shall obstruct the streets and I acted as I thought best."